(c) by when the process of granting dual citizenship would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRIVAYALAR RAVI): (a) As on 17.2.2006 a total of 4748 Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) applications were received, out of which 1690 incomplete applications were returned to Missions/MHA. The remaining 3058 OCI applications were processed and OCI documents sent to the Missions direct by courier/ through MHA for handing them over to the applicants.

(b) OCI applications have been received mainly from US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, UK and UAE.

(c) This is an on going process.

**Transfer of IAS officers**

† 462. SHRIMATI KAMLAMANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to stop the time and again transfers of officers of Indian Administrative Services which is considered the backbone of the administration of the country and keeping there in a particular department for a fixed tenure;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made with regard to action taken/to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCESAND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) The Central Government has initiated a proposal to amend the relevant All India Services Rules to provide for a fixed tenure for various posts to which All India Services Officers are appointed. The State Governments are being consulted in this regard. In view of the need for a consensus in the matter, no time frame has been fixed to complete the exercise.

**IAS Officers from SC/ST/OBC Category**

463. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.